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Nature carves breathtaking wonders from sandstone walls. With all due respect to the landscape, Lisa Madison (above), Park Morgan (right) and Cynthia Kaye (far right) are spectacular sights in their own right.









Casual duds and rustic ease suits the laid-back style of Carrie Westcott (left). Elke Jeinsen (right) keeps the lines of communication open, while Jennifer Lavoie (overleaf) goes incommunicado in an out-of-the-way meadow.





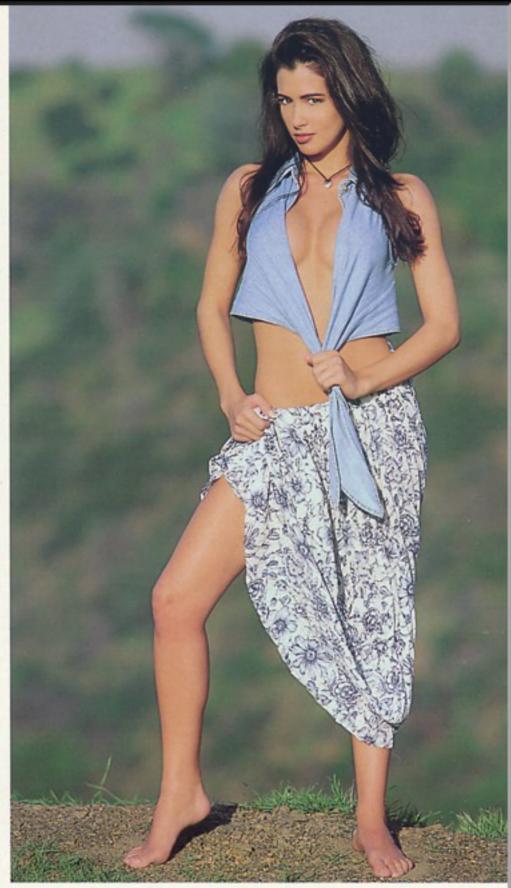
Nancy Bright (above) cannot bear to part with her roses. Dried, she can enjoy them year round. It didn't take long for city girl Nicole Wood (below and right) to adjust to her vacation surroundings, quickly adapting to the leisurely pace. A deliciously self-indulgent nap in the stable rounds out a perfect day of pampered idleness.











When the forecast promises a scorcher, there's no point to putting on cumbersome clothing. A hip-hugging sarong is the chosen hot-weather attire for Julianna Young (far left). Amy Weber (above) and Cristy Thom (left) prefer the easy fullness of dirndls.



Petra Verkaik believes in the power of positive thinking. She knows what she wants and chances are she'll get it. Today, she'd like to take a long drive in a convertible and have a picnic in the mountains. Tonight, she'd like a romantic candlelight dinner on an oceanside terrace. We don't think she'll be disappointed.





At this time of year, doing nothing brings its own rewards. Leisa Sheridan (above) barely moves a muscle while watching her garden grow. Kim Egler (right), who confesses to a penchant for red sports cars, long walks along the shore, and strawberries and cream for two, is completely content taking deep breaths of sweet morning air.





Bonnie Marino (left) and Tiffany Sloan (right) step through timeworn doorways, reminders, perhaps, that life is best when it is slowly savored. Reneé Tenison (below) casts a thoughtful eye into the distance, or maybe the future. Cheryl Bachman (overleaf) enjoys the sensual luxury of an afternoon snooze.









Women show off summer prints on the pier. When the wind is high and skies are clear, dedicated tars rush to hoist anchor, unfurl sails and shove off for parts unknown. Lisa Canada (above) answered the call of the open seas and cast off her clothes as soon as the coast was clear. Keisha Case (right), also nautically smitten, waits for her sailing orders. Wendy Kaye (overleaf) sticks to the simple pleasures and creature comforts of terra firma.









There's a lot to be said for the serenity of small-town living, where everyone attends town square concerts and neighbors gather together for homemade ice cream socials. Corinna Harney (above) loves sitting in a rocker, watching the world amble past her front porch. Keisha Case (below) seems positively tuckered out after participating in a celebration. Jennifer Lavoie (right) is the picture of tranquility on a billowy afternoon in the country.











Avoiding crowded avenues, Cady Cantrell (far left) finds solace in a gently flowing stream. It's too hot for Pamela Stein (left). She sets her fishing rod aside, opting for a break and a little shade, while Melissa Evridge (above) tries to keep her mind concentrated on the task at hand.



Èveryone knows that moisture nourishes everything it touches. For example, picture the explosion of greenery after a summer rainstorm, or take a gander at our two devout water babies, Rowan Alexanders (above) and Elizabeth Bowmont (right). Fair-weather outings are favored by Pamela Stein (overleaf), a feast for the eyes.













A heated game of tennis is followed by a cold spray of water as madcaps Wendy Christine (blonde) and Kendra Merrell (brunette) share their fun-filled afternoon with an unruly garden hose. Eventually running out of steam (overleaf), the girls indulge in a final rinse before inviting the sun to work its lovely magic.









The passions of romance novels are the sustenance of beachtime. We offer as physical prototypes for fictional heroines the exotic beauty of Melissa Dumaran (above left), who could model as the coed innocently tempting professors and students alike; Natalie Duggan (above right) as the beachcomber who kicks hearts around in the sand; and Charlene Laughter (right) in the role of a secret agent doing what she must to protect her country. In real life or in fantasy, one look at these three and it's a sure bet that the temperature will set new records.









Women gravitate to natural settings when the sun shines. Tanya Beyer (far left) is attracted to the meadowlands. Tylyn (left) has mastered the art of beating the heat while looking oh-so-sexy in leather and lace. Park Morgan (above) tips her hat to summer's bounty and Melissa Evridge (overleaf) takes advantage of a spot she's found that's ideal for impromptu tanning.















Echo Johnson appears to be guarding the contents of an antique treasure chest. As it turns out, however, Echo is the treasure and she's merely using the furniture as a convenient resting place when she's suddenly overcome by ennui.







If we had no other measurement, we'd know summer had arrived by the appearance of girls in their low-main-tenance daytime attire. Tanya Beyer (left), Chastity BeeBe (above left), Eloise Broady (above right), Barbara Moore (below left) and Wendy Christine (below right) opt for frocks that make summer dressing a breeze.









Maybe it's the vitamin D, but whatever it is, we're convinced there is something about the sun that brings out the best in beautiful women. If you have any doubt, check out Kari LaCroix (above left), Keri-Anne (above right), Jenny McCarthy (below left), Natalie Duggan (below right) and Lorraine Olivia (right and overleaf).











There's no mistaking Jennifer Becerra (above left) for a wallflower. Indeed, this bona fide beauty is the centerpiece of a growing party of admirers. For that matter, neither Rowan Alexanders (above right), sensational in a red-hot micro-mini, nor Porchia Dallas (right), smashing in a colorful scarf, has a shortage of adoring acolytes.





Lisa Bailey's dazzling smile (above) suggests that she is having a smashing summer. Tina Bockrath's only problem was how to stay comfortable when her air conditioner conked out. Cool terrazzo tile (right) provided a solution.









Every woman wants to be first with the very latest fashion and these fishnet creations surely qualify as stylishly avant-garde. Such striking and delightful clothing can only be confidently worn by ladies who possess a super abundance of aplomb and sophistication. Angela Melini (left) and Morgan Fox (above) have plenty of both.



The mermaid, according to marine lore and Daryl Hannah, is half-woman, half-fish. Cady Cantrell (above and right) conjures up a siren image, but there's no question that she's all woman. Captivating Wendy Kaye (overleaf), a confirmed traditionalist, has declined to turn her fish net into a garment.



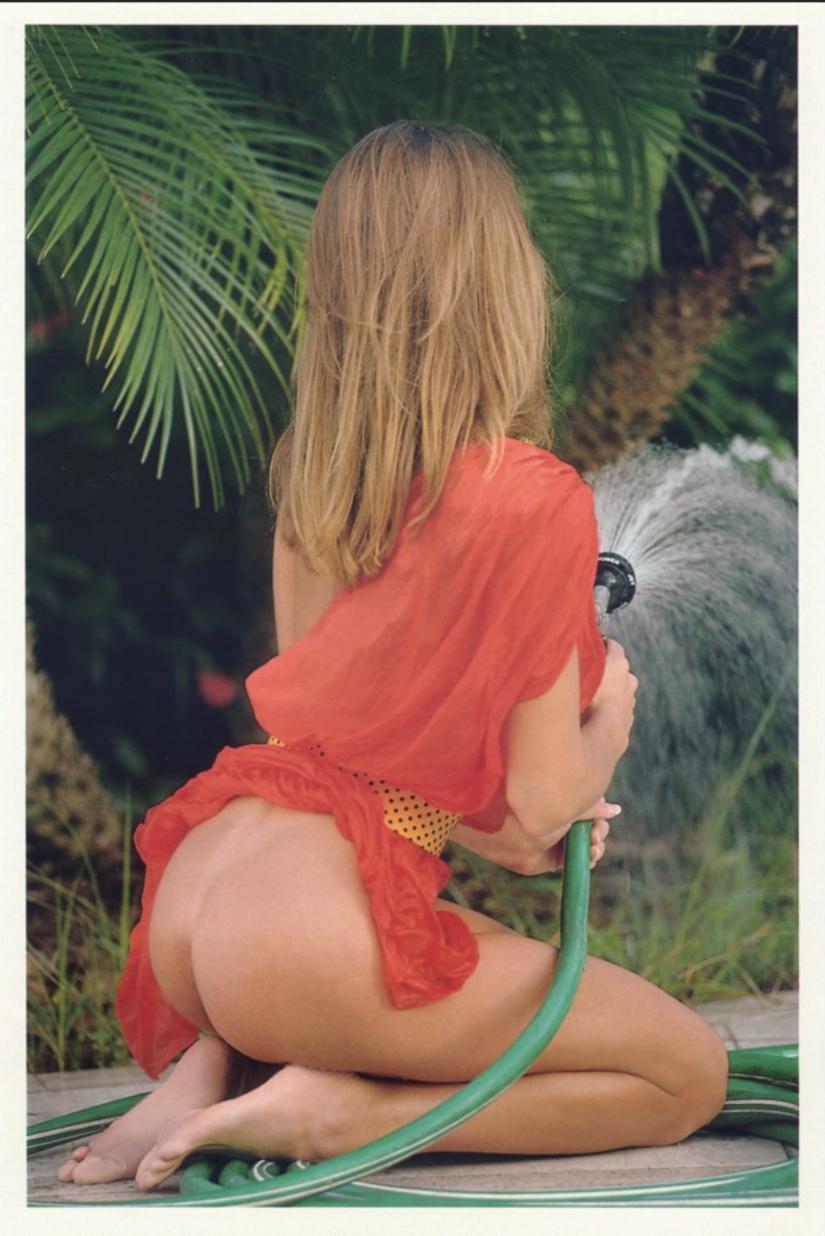








Wherever they venture, twins Karin and Mirjam Van Breeschooten (far left) leave unmistakable impressions in their wake. Carrie Jean Yazel (left) contemplates going down to the sea again. Stacey Canchola (above) allots an entire afternoon to beachcombing.



Doing her best to conserve water while attending her flora, Tracy George (above) demonstrates the best principles of aqua-efficiency. An over-heated Jacqueline Artecona (right) is more interested in attending to personal needs, which means a long, luxurious soak in a tub.







Water sports are answered prayers for those cramped by too many months of winter inactivity. Park Morgan (left) inhales salty sea air before heading out to hang ten. Isabelle Fortea (above) seems entirely satisfied with her first scuba lesson. After taking in her pristine surroundings, Jody Hoskins (below) decides on a swim.





Adventurous Donna Barron (above) is poised to set sail. Jacki Sams (right) caught lunch, then met Cady Cantrell (far right) for an uninhibited day on an uninhabited island. Kimberly Marie (overleaf) put in at the health club for a few laps and a sauna.











Among summer's cultural pursuits is browsing through local arts-and-crafts fairs. Paintings, pottery, hand-made jewelry and clothing are all available for discerning shoppers. Carrie Westcott's garment (above) looks as though it was made by a macramé artist. Angela Melini (left) found her one-of-a-kind outfit at a boutique.





The word is out: denim is in! Jeans have been an occupational staple for years—on the farm, in the factory, at construction sites—but in recent times they've hit their high-fashion stride. Reneé Tenison (above left), Lori Jo (above right), Patricia Ford (right) and lovely Jennifer LeRoy (far right) show how it's best worn.









From Easter through Labor Day, hats take on both practical and whimsical uses. Eloise Broady (left) dons one to add an unexpected element to her eclectic outfit. Terri Lynn Doss (above) heeds warnings about the dangers of ultra-violet light. Her wide-brimmed topper helps shield her face.





Cowgirls Pamela Anderson (left) and Suzi Simpson (above) don't like being fenced in. They like land, lots of land, under open skies where they're free to peel down and kick up their boot-shod heels when they feel like it. It's an alternative lifestyle that's bliss for a few hours, then they head back to the bright lights of the big city.



Weekends are always wonderful, but never more so than at the height of summer. Carrie Jean Yazel (above) joins her pal Petra Verkaik (right) to celebrate Saturday. Petra (far right) does a plié to limber legs left too long under a workweek desk. Morgan Fox (overleaf) prolongs weekends as much as she can, often making them last three or four days.













Now's the time of year to explore special points of interest. Patricia Ford (far left) pays a visit to the botanical garden. Michelle Dommergue (left and above) and Tawnni Cable (overleaf) go back in time, touring historical sites and restored pioneer towns.











Just when you think there's no relief in sight, a sudden rustling of leaves promises a respite from the searing heat. Wendy Kaye (left), Cheryl Bachman (above) and Jacqueline Sheen (below) position themselves to get the most out of any hint of wind. But no one's complaining, because they're aware that autumn is approaching.





Elke Jeinsen (above, right and overleaf) sizzles without benefit of soaring temperatures. The sultry German beauty exalts in her feline grace, declaring dominion over all her surroundings like a lioness prowling the Serengeti. With a toss of her tawny mane and a pretty pout, Elke conveys a clear message that she's in charge.





The road to adventure is sometimes fraught with detours, blind curves and sudden stops. Monique Noel (blonde) and Cori Nadine (brunette) weren't upset to find themselves stalled outside of nowhere. They kept their cool because they know how to shift gears and get the most performance out of life. Before long, someone is bound to notice the waylaid pair, perhaps steering them in new directions. With spontaneity as their guide, fun is just around the bend. Our journey with *Playboy's Girls of Summer* is over, but theirs has only just begun.









